

## TARIFF IS SUBJECT

Wilson and Underwood Hold Conference on Revision.

Bill to Be Submitted to Democratic Senators Friday.

Washington, April 2.—President Wilson and Representative Underwood conferred for several hours at the White House last night for the second time, over features of the proposed tariff revision.

The conference was asked for by President Wilson.

Other conferences which are to follow with Mr. Underwood and Senator Simmons, chairman of the senate finance committee, will settle the status of the sugar, wool and agricultural schedules, so far as the party leaders can settle them, and will decide whether a general bill or separate schedule bills shall be passed by the house.

Opponents of free sugar, chiefly representing the cane growing sections of the south, have adopted strong representations to the president during the last week against removal of all duty from that product and the president has been weighing the arguments upon this and other tariff questions. Since his first conference with Mr. Underwood, President Wilson had gone over the tariff bill with Secretary Redfield of the department of commerce, for whose tariff views he has high regard.

It was understood that few detailed rates were under consideration at last night's conference, but that the general question of the free importation of raw materials and the extent to which the duty should be removed from agricultural products and articles largely consumed by the public were discussed fully.

Efforts to bring the senate and house into accord before the details of the new tariff bill become public are to be made late this week. Senator Simmons will ask Democratic members of the senate finance committee to meet Friday for preliminary consideration of the bill. At that time it is expected that a copy of the bill prepared by the house ways and means committee will be submitted to the Democratic senators for consideration.

Should the senate committee determine that certain features of the bill will not be acceptable in the senate, efforts will be made to have the draft of the bill changed by the house committee or by the Democratic membership of the house, which meets this evening next week, so that house and senate may be brought into as complete accord as possible in support of the house bill.

After the conference between President Wilson and Representative Underwood ended last night the free sugar plan and the 15 per cent duty on wool were hanging in the balance.

Mr. Underwood, upon leaving the White House, would only vouchsafe the information that some progress had been made in the conference, but differences between the president and himself and that the majority of his committee would meet again today.

However, the president is putting raw sugar on the free list and again retaining the duty on raw wool and over some other parts of the tariff revision, is understood to be hesitating to commit himself upon these matters until he has had an opportunity to further discuss the bill with the senate finance committee today and within the next 24 hours communicate his views finally to the ways and means committee, which is, meantime, virtually marking time.

## EXPRESS HIT HARD.

Show Losses Resulting From Operation of Parcel Post Law.

Washington, April 2.—Express companies of the country have been hit hard by the operation of the new parcel post system, according to statements submitted to the interstate commerce commission by counsel for the companies in their final arguments against the reduction in express rates proposed by the commission. It was declared that the companies have suffered a loss of about 25 per cent in small package business, and losses which amount to about six per cent of the gross revenues of the companies.

Walker D. Hines asserted that for the five companies he represented—the Adams, American, United States, Southern and Wells-Fargo—application of the proposed rates to present business would reduce revenues about \$26,000 a year, or 25 cents on every dollar's worth of business done. Such a reduction in revenues, he said, would be absolutely destructive.

He maintained also that the formula made rates would disturb seriously business conditions in large centers such as New York and Chicago, by forcing a readjustment of competitive business conditions.

B. F. Fairchild, of the New York Chamber of Commerce, for the express shippers, argued that the proposed rates are "purely theoretical and hypothetical," and insisted that the proposed rates would yield an ample revenue to the express companies. He maintained also that the rates proposed by the express companies to the railroads for transportation service were excessive.

**Injured in Explosion.**

Chicago, April 2.—George Kelley, a baggage man, employed by the Illinois Central, was severely burned today by the explosion of a trunk said to have been filled with explosives. The explosion occurred in the company's baggage room here. Samuel Salvatore, 30 years old, who is said to have called to claim the trunk, is alleged to have been arrested. Although the police deny knowledge of the affair, they are said to have locked the man up.

**Woman Found Murdered.**

Chisholm, Minn., April 2.—Mrs. John Fontana was murdered with an axe last night at her home in this city and her husband has disappeared. Their year old baby was found lying alone on a cot. The husband had been arrested twice on a charge of beating his wife, but was released on a promise to reform.

**Illustrated Lectures.**

Larned, Kan., April 2.—During April and May Kansas granges and other farmers' organizations and clubs will be treated to an illustrated lecture on planning and planting the home ground by C. D. Steiner of the extension division of the Agricultural college. Circuits of six lectures have been arranged and the gospel of yard beautification will be spread broadcast over the state.

## CORRECTED CITY ELECTION VOTE. HISTORIC HOUSE

Was Old Crawford Theater at Wichita.

Was Totally Destroyed by Fire Tuesday.

L. M. CRAWFORD WAS OWNER

Topekan and Allan Sells Built It in 1888.

Was Best Theater in State in Its Day.

Wichita, April 2.—The Lyceum theater, at William street and South Topeka avenue, known for a quarter century as the Crawford theater, burned to the ground Tuesday.

The total loss on the building and contents has been estimated at \$100,000. The building cost \$85,000 when built 25 years ago. The building was insured for \$20,000.

The Wolfe Stock company lost \$5,000 in scenery and other stage properties. Those occupying apartments in the front part of the building lost everything they possessed.

R. L. Cates, manager of the Southwestern monument company, and U. R. Bryan, wholesale candies, lost their entire stocks of goods on the ground floor of the building. The loss to the firm was about \$5,000. E. L. Martling, manager of the Crawford theater, lost about \$500 in scenery and advertising paper stored in the basement of the Lyceum theater.

When John Wolfe was told that his theater was a fire he laughed and remarked that someone must be offering him an early April fool joke. Half an hour later another person told him of the fire. Flames were bursting from the front of the building when Mr. Wolfe reached it.

He said the fire started in my apartments. I had a light in my room. There was no one in my room from 7 o'clock last night, when I left them to make up for the play, until the fire was discovered. The cause of the fire is a mystery. It must have been from an electric wire.

After making sure that all occupants were safely out, Mrs. Carl Hill was among the last to leave the burning building. She climbed to the bottom of the fire escape, which is a confusion of floral decorations and friends from many countries. Beside Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Satterlee, the son-in-law, and daughter of the deceased, and Miss Helen Satterlee, his granddaughter; Thomas J. O'Brien, United States ambassador, and Mrs. O'Brien; Professor Giuseppe Bastianelli, Dr. Allen M. Starr and Dr. George A. Dixon, the physician who had attended him during his illness; Mrs. Woodworth of New York and Charles Lanier of New York. Later in the day arrangements for the disinterment of the body to the United States were discussed. The body will be sent by way of the Simpson railroad through Switzerland and France to Havre and there be placed on board a liner sailing Saturday. On the request of Ambassador O'Brien today the government agreed to grant the necessary concessions to have the body leave on an express train at 6:15 to-night. The coffin will occupy a spacious car draped with black and silver fringe. Next to the funeral car will be a sleeping car for Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Satterlee. The transportation of the coffin from the hotel to the station in Rome will be absolutely private.

**Whisky into Flood.**

Louisville, Ky., April 2.—Weakened by flood waters, a large warehouse of the Rugby Distillery company, in the western end of the city collapsed today, releasing to the river about 5,000 barrels of whisky valued at a quarter of a million dollars.

Threatened collapse of other weakened buildings was the only source of anxiety today, as the crest of the flood passed. Louisville, with its water, slightly more than 45 feet. Lower river points today continued to experience rising water. Paducah, with water standing more than two feet deep in the lower section of the city was deprived of the use of the city streets. Henderson and Owensboro, safe from flood damage themselves, were taxed with the care of hourly increased refugees.

At Wickliffe, where are gathered more than a thousand refugees from Hickman, Cairo and Columbus, the shelter situation was becoming acute.

**MAKE CLEAN SWEEP.**

Democrats Win in Municipal Elections in Chicago.

Chicago, April 2.—Democrats swept the city in the municipal election, routing twenty-two aldermen and the superior court judge, clerk and city treasurer. The proposed bond issue of \$2,800,000 urged by the Harrison faction of the Democratic party, carried by a small margin.

Republicans elected eleven aldermen, Progressives three, and Independents one. The Progressive candidates in other wards were outvoted by the Republicans by nearly three to one. The Socialist vote was concentrated in the first ward, where it returned as usual by an impressive total, getting 4,353 votes to the Progressives 711 and the Socialist 201. He had no Republican opposition.

The single independent candidate to be elected is Alderman Charles E. Merriam, a professor at the University of Chicago, and until recently a Progressive leader.

**Land Opened for Settlement.**

Dodge City, Kan., April 2.—The government land office at Dodge City has received information that 41,000 acres of government forest reserve in Hamilton county is to be opened to settlement. While no date is given, the officials believe the opening will be made this summer.

The order was promulgated by President Taft February 24 and the secretary of the Interior will formulate the rules under which the opening will be made. It is probable that each settler will be restricted to 160 acres.

**Finney Wins in Atchison.**

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**Topoka Fruit and Produce Market.**

(Selling price by Sam'l E. Lux, Wholesale Fruit and Produce.)

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APPLES—Per box, \$3.00.

CALIFORNIA ORANGES—Per box, \$3.50.

FLORIDA GRAPE FRUIT—Per box, \$4.00.

LEMONS—Per box, \$5.00.

CRANBERRIES—Per box, \$3.00.

STRAWBERRIES—Per crate, \$4.00.

POTATOES—New, per hamper, \$2.75; old, per bu., 65¢.

SEED POTATOES—Per bu., \$10.00.

CABBAGES—New, per lb., 2¢; old, per lb., 1 1/2¢.

BANANAS—Medium sized bunches, per bunch, \$2.00; large bunches, per bunch, \$2.50.

ONIONS—Red globe, per sack, \$1.00.

CALIF. CLOVEFLOWER—Per crate, \$2.00.

RHUBARB—Per lb., 12¢.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bu., \$1.00.

SEED SWEET POTATOES—Per bu., \$1.00.

HOT HOUSE LETTUCE—Per basket, 75¢.

SPANISH ONIONS—Per crate, \$1.40.

CELERY—Mammoth, 90¢.

HONEY—Per case, \$1.75.

NEW VEGETABLES.

TEXAS RADISHES—Round, per doz bunches, \$1.00.

BEANS—Per doz. bunches, 35¢.

SPINACH—Per bushel, 75¢.

TURNIPS—Per doz. bunches, 50¢.

YOUNG ONIONS—Mammoth, per variety. Quote: Per doz. bunches, 35¢.

**Butter and Eggs**

(Furnished by The Continental Creamery Co., Topeka, Kan., April 2.)

TOPEKA BUTTER—15¢.

NEW YORK BUTTER—15¢.

CREAMERY BUTTER—Chicago, 15¢.

N. Y. 3¢; Elgin, 35¢; Topeka wholesale 35¢.

**Topeka Grain Market.**

(Furnished by J. B. Billard, corner Kansas ave. and Curtis st.)

WHEAT—70¢.

CORN—50¢.

OATS—34¢.

**Topeka Hay Market.**

(Furnished by T. A. Heck, 212-214 E. 6th.)

FLORIDA HAY—No. 1, \$3.00; No. 2, \$2.50.

NEW ALFALFA—Choice, \$1.00; No. 1, \$1.00.

**Topeka Butter, Eggs and Poultry.**

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EGGS—Fresh country, 15¢.

POULTRY—Hens, all sizes, 12¢; springs, over 2 lbs., 11¢; broilers, 2 lbs. and under, 14¢; over 2 lbs., 11¢; old cocks, 5¢; ducks, 8¢; geese, 7¢; stags, 8¢.

FULLY KILLED—Crows over 8 lbs., 14¢; young, 10¢; over 12 lbs., 14¢; old, 10¢.

BUTTER—Packing stock, 22¢.

**Topeka Hide Market.**

(Quotations furnished by James C. Smith Hide Co., 109 East 31st St.)

TOPEKA HIDES—Native, No. 1, 13¢; No. 2, 12¢; Side Brand, 10¢; Skunk and Stags, 10¢; Horses, 10¢; No. 1, \$3.00; No. 2, \$2.50.

DRY HIDES—Butchers heavy, 20¢; light, 15¢.

SKUNK (black), 10¢; Skunk (short), 10¢; Skunk (long), 10¢; Skunk (narrow strip), 10¢; Skunk (broad strip), 10¢; Skunk (opposum), 10¢; Skunk (trash), 10¢; Skunk (large), 10¢; Skunk (medium), 10¢; Skunk (small), 10¢. The above prices are for prime furs.